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CREATING A GOVERNMENT REVIEW

- 1) What was the name of America's first government? _____
- 2) How many branches did America's first government have? _____
- 3) What kind of branch(s) did it have? _____
- 4) List and describe three things that the Federal Government did not have the power to do under the Articles of Confederation? (If you need help, consult pages 200-203 of your book)
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- 5) Under the Articles, how many votes did each state have in Congress? _____
- 6) Under the Articles, how many votes were needed to pass a law in Congress? _____
- 7) What event convinced many Americans that a change in government was needed? _____
- 8) In your own words, explain why Daniel Shays and other Massachusetts farmers were angry.

- 9) In your own words, explain how Shays' Rebellion led to the Constitutional Convention.

- 10) A convention was held in the city of _____ for the purpose of revising the Articles.
- 11) How many delegates attended the convention? _____

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12) What state did not send delegates to that convention? _____

13) Who was the oldest delegate at the Convention? _____

14) Who was unanimously selected as the president of the Convention? _____

15) At the Convention, what two plans emerged as replacements for the Articles? _____

16) What plan was favored by large states? _____

17) What plan was favored by small states? _____

18) What compromise settled the disagreement over representation between large and small states? _____

19) Which delegate proposed the compromise mentioned in question 19? Answer by giving his name and state. _____

20) What issue did northern and southern states argue over? _____

21) What compromise settled the disagreement between northern and southern states and how did that compromise work?

22) After the Constitution was signed, how many states needed to ratify it before it could go into effect? _____

23) Americans who supported the Constitution and the creation of a stronger federal government were called what? _____

24) Americans who opposed the Constitution and feared the creation of a stronger federal government were called what? _____

25) Many people who opposed the Constitution wanted a _____ to be added to it to protect their basic rights.

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26) How did James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay try to convince people to support the Constitution? _____

27) What was the first state to ratify the Constitution? _____

28) What was the second state to ratify the Constitution? _____

29) Who is known as the father of the Constitution and why? _____

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CREATING A GOVERNMENT PRACTICE ESSAYS

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Directions: Answer each of the following essays in the space provided. Choose the essay that you feel the most comfortable with and prepare to answer that essay on your test.

Essay # 1

Q. How did the federal government under the Articles of Confederation differ compared to the federal government under the Constitution? Be sure to include a detailed description of the two governments including the number and power of each of their branches.

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Essay # 2

Q. How did the Great Compromise settle the argument over representation between large and small states? Be sure to include a detailed description of the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan. You must explain the similarities and differences between the two plans and explain who supported them.

A. _____

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Essay # 3

Q. How did the 3/5 Compromise settle the disagreement between northern and southern states? Be sure to include a detailed description of how the 3/5 Compromise impacted the number of votes that southern states had in the House of Representatives.

A. _____

ESSAY GRADING RUBRICS

Essay # 1 How did the federal government under the Articles of Confederation differ compared to the federal government under the Constitution? Be sure to include a detailed description of the two governments including the number and power of each of their branches.

- 1) Number of branches under the Articles (2 points)
- 2) Power of those branches(2 points)
- 3) Number of branches under the Constitution(2 points)
- 4) Power of those branches(2 points)
- 5) Two specific examples of things that the federal government could not do under the Articles that it can do under the Constitution. (2 points)

Essay # 2 How did the Great Compromise settle the argument over representation between large and small states? Be sure to include a detailed description of the Virginia Plan and the New Jersey Plan. You must explain the similarities and differences between the two plans and explain who supported them.

- 1) Who supported the Virginia Plan? (2 points)
- 2) How did the Virginia Plan work? (2 points)
- 3) Who Supported the New Jersey Plan? (2 points)
- 4) How did the New Jersey Plan differ from the Virginia Plan? (2 points)
- 5) How did the Great Compromise solve the argument over the two plans? (2 points)

Essay # 3 How did the 3/5 Compromise settle the disagreement between northern and southern states? Be sure to include a detailed description of how the 3/5 Compromise impacted the number of votes that southern states had in the House of Representatives.

- 1) On what issue did northern and southern states disagree? (2 points)
- 2) Why did southern states want to count their slaves toward their total population? (2 points)
- 3) Why did northern states not want southern states to be able to count their slaves toward their total population? (2 points)
- 4) How did the 3/5 Compromise appease both northern and southern states?(4 points)